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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2318

INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES NGUYEN MINH THAI AND TRAN NGOC  
THANCH

REF: OSAKA KOBE 93, OSAKA KOBE 94 OSAKA KOBE 285, STATE 053328

1. WHEN CONTACTED MARCH 5 TRAN NGOC THACH SAID THAT BROTHER  
IN U.S. MAY HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD HIS LETTER. THACH WROTE THAT  
CATHOLIC RELIEF ORGANIZATION CARITAS HAD MANAGED TO GET PER-  
MISSION FROM GOVERNMENT F PRAGUARY FOR RESETTLEMENT OF A  
NUMBER OF HIS GROUP AND THAT IF HE WERE UNABLE TO GAIN ENTRY  
INTO U.S. BY MARCH 15, HE WOULD BE PRESSURED BY CARITAS  
OSAKA TO GO TO PRAGUAY.

2. HEAD OF OSAKA CARITAS, FATHER ZINNECKER, CONFIRMS THAT  
17 OF ORIGINAL 25 VIETNAMESE IN HIS CARE SINCE LAST JULY  
ARE TO LEAVE FOR PRAGUAY SOON AND THAT SEVERAL OTHERS HAVE  
TENTATIVE ACCEPTANCE IN BELGIUM OR FRANCE. NGUYEN AND TRAN,  
HOWEVER, WHO HAVE CONTINUED TO INSIST THAT THEY WANT ONLY  
TO JOIN RELATIVES IN U.S. HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE  
PRESSURED TO GO ANYWHERE AGAINST THEIR WILL. HE SAID NO  
DEADLINES HAVE BEEN SET FOR ANY OF THE VIETNAMESE FOR  
DEPARTURE FROM JAPAN.

3. ZINNECKER ADDED THAT AS OF MARCH 31, WHEN MOST OF REFUGEES  
HAVE LEFT OSAKA, CARITAS WILL TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
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REMAINDER TO UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE RESIDENT TOKYO. WHO HAS

ALREADY AGREED TO ACCEPT REMAINING FEW AND WILL PROBABLY  
PLACE THEM WITH CHURCH GROUPS IN TOKYO AREA.

4. EMBASSY RECEIVED CONFIRMATION MARCH 5 FROM FOREIGN  
MINISTRY'S FIRST SOUTHEAST ASIA DIVISION THAT GOJ POLICY  
REGARDING INDOCHINESE REFUGEES UNCHANGED AND THAT NO  
DEADLINES OF ANY KIND HAVE BEEN IMPOSED.

5. POST BELIEVES NGUYEN LETTER PROBABLY SIMILARLY MISLEADING  
AND SUGGESTS THAT DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EACH BE  
MADE ON FACTS ALREADY KNOWN. THERE ARE NO NEW LOCAL PRESSURES  
AND NO DEADLINES BEAR ON CASE.  
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